



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C64  
Serial No.: 09/989,734 Group Art Unit: 1647  
Filing Date: November 19, 2001 Examiner: Wegert, Sandra L.  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS: RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above identified application. A final rejection was sent on September 30, 2004 in this case; hence a Petition for Extension of time for two months with necessary fees accompanies this amendment. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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